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November 18, 2004

Ken May, General Manager  
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC  
397 South 800 West  
Salina, Utah 84654

Re: Midterm Permit Review, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, SUFCO Mine,  
C/041/0002, Task ID # 2068, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. May:

The Division is required to review each active permit during its term, in accordance with R645-303-211. This review is to take place at the midpoint of the permit term (November 19 2004 for the SUFCO Mine) and will cover pertinent elements that have been selected for review. The Midterm Review for the SUFCO Mine is now being conducted and the items chosen for review encompass the following:

1. An AVS check to ensure that Ownership and Control information is current and correct.
2. A review to ensure that the Plan has been updated to reflect changes in the Utah Coal Regulatory Program, which have occurred subsequent to permit approval (One area of emphasis is to ensure compliance with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Windy Gap Process).
3. A review of the plan to ensure that the requirements of all permit conditions, division orders, notice of violation abatement plans, and permittee initiated plan changes are appropriately incorporated into the plan document.
4. A review of the applicable portions of the permit to ensure that the plan contains commitments for application of the best technology currently available (BTCA) to prevent additional contributions of suspended solids to stream flows outside of the permit area.
5. A review of the bond to ensure that it is in order and that the cost estimate is accurate and is escalated to the appropriate year dollars.

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6. A review of the MPR commitments for the subsidence control/monitoring plans and reporting requirements.
7. The Division may conduct a technical site visit in conjunction with the assigned compliance inspector to document the status and effectiveness of operational, reclamation, and contemporaneous reclamation practices.

Any information that you would like us to review as part of the Midterm Review must be submitted by December 30, 2004. Once the review has been conducted, you will be notified of any outstanding issues that need to be corrected.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements or the Midterm Review process, please don't hesitate to call Wayne Hedberg at (801) 538-5286.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Mesch', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mark Mesch  
Acting Associate Director, Mining

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cc: Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor  
Price Field Office  
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